(3) Ms. Amrita Patel, NDDB, Anand —Member

(4) Shri Vinay Kore, Chairman, Warana Rural Co-operative Complex, Waranangar (Kholapur) —Member

(5) Smt. Sudha Pillai, Joint Secretary, Department of Rural Development —Member

(6) Shri N. L. Vaidyanathan, Senior Legal Consultant —Member

(7) Shri K.D. Singh, Joint Secretary & Legal Adviser, Department of Legal Affairs —Member

(8) Shri R. D. Joshi, Joint, Secretary, Department of Company Affairs —Member Secretary

The Committee has since submitted its Report, which is under examination.

Expenditure Incurred on Elections

3921. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate expenditure incurred on conducting elections for each Lok Sabha and Legislative Assembly seats; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken to reduce the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) The entire expenditure on conduct of elections to the Legislative Assemblies of the States is met by the Government of the concerned States and Union territories (with Legislatures) from their respective Consolidated Funds. The entire expenditure on conduct of elections to the House of the People is met by the Government of India. The expenditure on the conduct of elections is shared equally between the Government of India and the State Governments/UTs (with Legislatures) if the elections to the House of the People and the Legislative Assemblies of the States/UTs are held simultaneously. The figures regarding amount of expenditure for holding elections to Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies are, however, not maintained

(b) The expenses involve a number of items which are considered essential for smooth conduct of the elections. As such, no steps are envisaged for reducing the expenditure.